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THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW.

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

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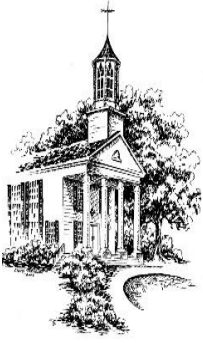
5TH AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

CHIMING OF THE HOUR		Jackson and Zenda Rushing
PRELUDE	“He Touched Me”	Gaither
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRESENTATION OF THE ROY L. SMITH HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD		Zenda Rushing
CALL TO WORSHIP¹		Ray Crouse
L: Lord, come into our hearts today.		
C: Heal us from all our pain.		
L: Lord, come into our lives today.		
C: Bring us hope and peace.		
L: Come, let us worship God who brings hope and peace.		
C: Praise be to God for God’s healing mercies. AMEN.		
OPENING PRAYER²		Ray Crouse
Lord of healing and mercy, remind us again of your power to heal our lives from fears and mistrust. Open our hearts to believe in your restorative power and your great compassion for us. Give us healing and make us agents of peace for you in this, your World. AMEN.		
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881		
GLORIA PATRI		GREATOREX
MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER		
HYMN NO. 419	“I Am Thine, O Lord”	I AM THINE
SCRIPTURE READING	Mark 8: 22-25	Pastor Debra
SERMON	“He Touched Me”	Pastor Debra
HYMN NO. 378	“Amazing Grace”	AMAZING GRACE
BENEDICTION		Pastor Debra
POSTLUDE	“The King of Heaven”	LAUDA ANIMA

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/6086/worship-connection>

² Ibid.



THE CONNECTION

The Mission of First United Methodist Church is to win and nurture souls for Jesus Christ by sharing and living the message of salvation.

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A Few Words from the Pastor...

One of my favorite hymns is He Touched Me by Bill and Gloria Gaither. It is hymn number 367 in our United Methodist Hymnal. Here's some information about this hymn from Discipleship Ministries History of Hymns.

“When it comes to evangelical gospel song in the last half of the twentieth century, two of the primary forces that kept this genre alive in their respective gatherings were the Billy Graham Crusades under the musical leadership of Cliff Barrows (1923-2016) and George Beverly Shea (1909-2013) and the Homecoming concerts of William James “Bill” (b. 1936) and Gloria Lee (b. 1942) Gaither (née Sickal).

“He Touched Me” was composed in 1963, soon after the couple’s wedding in 1962. While not their first song, “He Touched Me” was the first of several early songs that defined their career, including “Because he lives” (1971), “Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, There’s just something about that name” (1970), and “The King is coming” (1970). Though the songs were recorded by many notable gospel singers, the Bill Gaither Trio, begun by Bill in 1956, made them popular initially. Bill’s melodies were so singable that soon the songs became adapted for congregational use. The first version of “He Touched Me” to appear in hymn form was in *Hymns for the Family of God* (Nashville, 1976), edited by Fred Bock. Gloria, a writer and poet, joined the trio in 1964 and remained the ensemble’s primary alto until the disbanding of the group in 1991.

Bill Gaither’s inspiration for the writing of the song “He Touched Me” came very late one night. He had been asked to play the piano for a revival meeting in Huntington, Indiana. He was accompanying [award-winning gospel singer] Doug Oldham [1930-2010], who was providing the music for his father, Dr. Dale Oldham, the speaker for the evening. After the meeting, as the three rode back to Bill’s home in Anderson, Indiana, they discussed how deeply they had felt the Spirit at the meeting. Dr. Oldham dropped Bill off at home and his parting words were, “You should write a song that says, ‘He touched me, oh, He touched me’” (Australia, 2004, n.p.).

Gaither completed the song, working throughout the night, and revised it with Gloria the next morning. Doug Oldham first recorded it in 1964, followed quickly by the Bill Gaither Trio and other notable artists including The Imperials (1965), Elvis Presley (1972), Tennessee Ernie Ford (1977), and, more recently, Steven Curtis Chapman (2013).¹

¹ <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/history-of-hymns-he-touched-me>

NEW FUMC COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS



- ❖ Wearing a mask inside the church is optional. Masks will continue to be provided for use by medically fragile or unvaccinated individuals.
- ❖ Wash hands and use hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer will continue to be provided.
- ❖ All entrances and exits may be used for Sunday School and Worship.
- ❖ Stay home if you feel sick to prevent the spread of illness.
- ❖ Respect others who need to maintain social distance for their safety.
- ❖ Music will be provided by the choir. There will not be congregational singing inside at this time.
- ❖ Currently we are not having meals.

OUR PRAYER LIST – Our President, our Congress, all Governors, Mayors, State, County, and Local employees, all health care workers, EMT's, all who defend our nation, all who make decisions for our nation, Jane Campbell, Jeff Foster, Mabel Foster, Jim Bennett, Phillip Caulder, David Marsh, Taylor Novinger (Dr. Novinger's son), Judy Quick, Scott Tomberlin, Charlotte Crosby, Sam Eubanks Family, Jimmy Duffy, Jim Sturgill (Shannon Johnson's friend). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR GRADES PRESCHOOL – 5TH GRADE: The Summer Sunday School schedule for grades preschool-5th grade is below:

June 27 at 9:00am

July 11 and July 25 at 9:00am

August 15 and August 29 at 9:00am

FROM THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY BOARD:

Our Child Development Ministry has really been busy this month! Holly has made the decision to move into the public school system, so she has resigned. We have a new director who began working here June 7, 2021. Her name is Tara McPherson, and she comes to us from FUMC Bennettsville where she was a three-year-old teacher. Tara has an associates degree in Early Childhood Education from Northeastern Technical College. Tara and her husband live in Chesterfield and have two young boys ages three and five. The Board is very excited and encouraged to have Tara as our new director. We feel Tara has the necessary skills we are looking for, is enthusiastic, and has a true passion for working with children. The decision to hire Tara did not come without much prayer. We truly feel God led Tara to us.

We are also in the process of deep cleaning and restructuring the childcare center. We have many willing volunteers helping us accomplish this task. We have ordered some new furniture for the classrooms, outdoor equipment, and age-appropriate learning activities for the classrooms. Jan Rogers, Pam's sister, is here helping coordinate and work to complete this huge task.

There are so many positive things happening each and every day! I would love to list them all! But, watch out if you come into contact with any of the volunteers! They would love to share the list with you, and it is lengthy!

When we began this process, we knew every decision we made must be led by God and pleasing in His sight. The glory is His!

Ephesians 3:20-21

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work without us, to him be the glory in the church and Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.”

Respectfully,
Patty Fisher

LIFE-LINE SCREENING: Time is running out.... sign up today! Did you know? Most people can't identify a single risk factor or a warning sign of stroke, yet over 750,000 Americans will be affected by a stroke this year alone! · Stroke is the 4th leading cause of death and the #1 reason for nursing home admission. You can take advantage of these health screenings today by signing up for the complete stroke screening package (which includes 4 screenings for vascular disease and an osteoporosis screening) for \$139 when Life Line Screening comes to our location... With the number of people already signed up, appointment spaces are very limited so please don't miss your chance to confirm your appointment today before the event is full! Pre-registration is required. Sign up now by calling toll free to 1-888-653-6441 or text the word circle to 797979 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle **(FOR A COMPLIMENTARY COUPON VALUED AT \$70.00, PLEASE CONTACT ANGIE AT 843-537-7002 OR BY EMAIL AT fumcangiesmith@gmail.com. WE HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF THESE COUPONS SO THEY WILL BE FIRST COME FIRST SERVE.)**

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED: We are looking for volunteers to work in the church nursery on Sunday mornings. If you are willing to work, please contact Michelle Rohde by TEXT to 843-337-6123 or Email at rohdemichelle1967@gmail.com.

SUMMER MISSION PROJECT: We are collecting supplies for the New Beginnings Shelter in Wallace. Items needed are: cleaning supplies, dishwasher pods, dish detergent, HE liquid laundry detergent, 13 and 8 gallon trash bags, aluminum foil, food storage containers, disinfectant wipes, Ziploc freezer bags (all sizes), bleach, paper towels, hand sanitizer, liquid hand washing soap, Lysol disinfectant spray, multicultural hair products. You may bring donated items to the church. We do have individuals willing to shop if you would prefer to give a monetary donation. Be sure to note that your donation is for the New Beginnings Shelter Mission Project.

WORSHIP ONLINE: Not able to be here for in-person worship? Then join us online! To worship online, go to our website www.cherawfirstumc.org. Click on the tab at the top of the page that says video sermon archive. The most recent worship service will be the first service listed. Worship services are available on our website by 2:00 p.m. on Sundays.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY AT FUMC: Our Nurture and Care team at First United Methodist Church will provide rides to individuals to doctor's or other medical appointments. If you need a ride, please contact the church office at 843-537-7002.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

July 1 Choles Roddy Reid
July 3 Jakie Streater
July 5 Landon Rogers
July 7 Billy Wallace, Jr.
July 9 Scott Eddins
July 12 Dallas Keefe
July 13 Walker Jones
July 19 Jennifer Tomberlin
July 21 Erika Kollitz, Jenny Outen
July 25 Penny Quick
July 26 Ruth Ann Jones, Todd Becker, Pam Baker
July 29 Christy Ruffner
July 30 Charlotte Crosby

ANNIVERSARIES

July 1 M&M Thomas McKinnon
July 7 M&M Rhett Butler
July 12 M&M Ray Crouse
July 13 M&M Billy Wallace, Jr.
July 14 M&M Joey Mills
July 15 M&M Roger Jones
July 31 M&M Chase Watson

NURSERY FOR JULY

July 4 Lesley Jean & Chase Watson
July 11 Kelly & Hollis Dusa
July 18 Open
July 25 Open

GREETERS FOR JULY

July 4 Norma Cobb
July 11 Amy Lewis
July 18 Harrison & Amy Goodwin
July 25 Betty Hurst

LITURGIST FOR JULY

July 4 Sammy Quick
July 11 Rhett Butler
July 18 Lib Norton
July 25 Bonnie Cundiff

HEAD USERS FOR JULY

Eric Dusa/Rhett Butler

CHIMING OF THE HOUR FOR JULY

July 4 Renie Seel & Debbie McManus
July 11 Michael
July 18 Angela Holliday & Bryson Hunter
July 25 Michael

ACOLYTE FOR JULY

To Be Announced Later

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 27, 2021

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship in Sanctuary

Monday, June 28, 2021

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
12:00pm July 4 Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, July 1, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open

Sunday, July 4, 2021

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship in Sanctuary

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,797.85
Amount received for week ending June 23: \$1,081.00
Sunday School Attendance, June 20: 30
FUMC Food Pantry Item: Low sugar nutritious cereal
Greeters: Keith & Sally Smith
Nursery Workers: Nancy Wagon & Michelle Rohde
Liturgist for next Sunday: Ray Crouse

Amount needed year to date: \$144,946.25
Received year to date: \$128,470.61
Attendance Worship Sunday, June 20: 54
McArn Items: Juice boxes
Head Usher: Heath Ruffner
Acolyte: Ashton Becker

FUMC STAFF

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